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Title: **V for Vendetta**



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## Information

Release **Title:** V for Vendetta 17<sup>th</sup> March 2006 (United Kingdom)

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Release date: 11<sup>th</sup> December 2005 (Austin Butt-Numb-A-Thon)

Origin: United States, United Kingdom, Germany

Genres: Action, Drama, Sci-Fi, Thriller

Disc Nos. - 2

Certification: 15

Duration: 2h 12m

Region Code:

Region: 2

Product Code:

MPN:

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UPC:

Languages: English, Latin, Spanish, French

Filming locations: Aldwych Underground Railway Station, Surrey Street, Aldwych, Westminster, Greater London, England, UK(on location)

Sound mix: DTS, Dolby Digital, SDDS, Dolby Atmos

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 2.35:1

*V for Vendetta*

Theatrical release poster

<b>Directed by</b>	James McTeigue
<b>Screenplay by</b>	The Wachowskis <sup>[a]</sup>
<b>Based on</b>	<i>V for Vendetta</i> by Alan Moore, David Lloyd, and Tony Weare
<b>Produced by</b>	Joel Silver Grant Hill The Wachowskis <sup>[b]</sup>
<b>Starring</b>	Natalie Portman Hugo Weaving Stephen Rea Stephen Fry John Hurt
<b>Cinematography</b>	Adrian Biddle
<b>Edited by</b>	Martin Walsh
<b>Music by</b>	Dario Marianelli
<b>Production companies</b>	Silver Pictures Virtual Studios Studio Babelsberg DC Vertigo Comics Anarchos Productions, Inc.
<b>Distributed by</b>	Warner Bros. Pictures <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Release dates</b>	11 December 2005 (Butt-Numb-A-Thon <sup>[2]</sup> ) 16 March 2006 (Germany) 17 March 2006 (United States)
<b>Running time</b>	132 minutes <sup>[3]</sup>
<b>Countries</b>	United Kingdom United States Germany <sup>[4][1]</sup>
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Budget</b>	\$50–54 million <sup>[5][6]</sup>
<b>Box office</b>	\$134.7 million <sup>[5]</sup>

## Storyline

In the near future, Britain is ruled by the Norsefire political party, a fascist and authoritarian regime led by High Chancellor Adam Sutler, which controls the populace through propaganda, and imprisons or executes those deemed undesirable, including immigrants, homosexuals, and people of alternative religions.

Evey Hammond is the daughter of activists who died in prison, and her brother was killed in the St Mary's school terrorist attack fourteen years earlier. One evening a Guy Fawkes masked vigilante, "V", rescues her from assault by the secret police and has her witness as his bombs destroy the Old Bailey. On November 5, V hijacks the state-run television network to address the nation, claiming credit for the attack and encouraging the populace to resist Norsefire by joining him outside the Houses of Parliament on Guy Fawkes Night in one year's time. Evey is knocked unconscious aiding V's escape, and he takes her with him to avoid her arrest and likely execution.

V kills Norsefire propagandist Lewis Prothero, Dr. Delia Surridge, and, with Evey's assistance, Anthony Lilliman, the Bishop of London. Evey flees after betraying V, hoping to be forgiven by Norsefire. Assigned to capture V, Chief Inspector Eric Finch uses Surridge's journal and information from former covert operative, William Rookwood (actually V in disguise), to learn that, two decades earlier, Surridge led biological weapon research and human experimentation at the Larkhill Detention Facility on behalf of Norsefire, creating the "St Mary's Virus". Although dozens of political prisoners died during experimentation, an amnesiac in cell "V" developed mutated immunities and disfigurements as well as physical enhancements and eventually destroyed Larkhill during his escape. Peter Creedy, head of the secret police, faked a terrorist attack by releasing the virus at targets including St. Mary's and used the resulting public fear to embed Norsefire in power. At the same time, the company manufacturing the cure enriched party members such as Prothero and Lilliman.

Evey takes shelter with her former boss, talk show host Gordon Dietrich, who shares with her his collection of illegal materials such as subversive paintings, an antique Quran, and homoerotic photographs. Emboldened by Evey and V, he satirizes Sutler on his show, leading to his execution and Evey's arrest. She takes solace in a note hidden in her cell written by Valerie Page, a woman imprisoned in the cell next to V, detailing her hopes despite her impending death. Tortured and facing her own execution, Evey refuses to submit to her captors and is released, finding herself in V's lair. V had intercepted Evey before Creedy's men and subjected her to false imprisonment so she could learn to live without fear. Although initially angry at V, Evey realizes that he has been avenging Valerie and the other Larkhill victims and promises to return to see him before November 5. To kill the otherwise unreachable High Chancellor, V convinces Creedy to kill Sutler and take his place in exchange for V's surrender.

As November 5 approaches, V has hundreds of thousands of Guy Fawkes masks distributed across the nation, leading to a rise in masked, anonymous chaos and eventually riots after the secret police kill a young masked girl. V shares a dance with Evey before leading her to the shuttered London underground, he restored over the previous decade. Not intending to survive the night, V bequeaths the decision to start the explosive-filled train to Evey. Although she pleads that he abandon his crusade and leave with her, he refuses. Creedy meets V and executes Sutler before demanding V unmask. Despite being shot and badly injured, V kills Creedy and his men, stating that the idea he represents is more important than his identity. V returns to Evey, dying in her arms after admitting he loves her, and Finch finds her placing V's body aboard the train but allows her to start it after she affirms that the people need hope. With Sutler and Creedy dead, the military forces in London stand down as countless citizens dressed as V descend on Parliament and witness its destruction. Finch asks for V's true identity, to which Evey replies that "he was all of us".

## Cast

Natalie Portman as Evey Hammond, an employee of the state-run British Television Network who is rescued by V from a gang of London's secret police and subsequently becomes involved in his life.

Hugo Weaving as V, a masked, charismatic and skilled anarchist terrorist who had been the unwilling subject of experimentation by Norsefire. James Purefoy originally portrayed the character, but left six weeks into filming. He remained uncredited, with Weaving replacing him on set and redubbing Purefoy's scenes.

Stephen Rea as Eric Finch, the Chief inspector of New Scotland Yard and Minister of Investigations (the "Nose"), is the lead inspector in the V investigation, who, during his investigation, uncovers an unspeakable government crime. When asked whether the politics attracted him to the film, Rea replied "Well, I don't think it would be very interesting if it was just comic-book stuff. The politics of it are what gives it its dimension and momentum, and of course I was interested in the politics. Why wouldn't I be?"

Stephen Fry as Gordon Deitrich, a closeted gay talk show host. When asked in an interview what he liked about the role, Fry replied "Being beaten up! I hadn't been beaten up in a movie before and I was very excited by the idea of being clubbed to death."

John Hurt as Adam Sutler, the former Conservative Member of Parliament and Under-Secretary for Defence. High Chancellor Sutler is the founder of Norsefire and is Britain's authoritarian elected leader. Hurt played a contrary role in another dystopian film: Winston Smith, a victim of the state in the film adaptation of Nineteen Eighty-Four. Hurt also portrays two "Fake Sutler" actors lampooning him in an episode of Gordon Deitrich's talk show.

Tim Pigott-Smith as Peter Creedy, Norsefire's Party leader and the head of Britain's secret police (the "Finger").

Rupert Graves as Dominic Stone, Chief Inspector Finch's sergeant.

Roger Allam as Lewis Prothero, the "Voice of London", a propagandist for Norsefire, and formerly the Commander of Larkhill concentration camp.

Ben Miles as Roger Dascombe, the head of the government's propaganda division (the "Mouth") and chief executive of the British Television Network.

Sinéad Cusack as Dr Delia SurrIDGE, the former head physician at the Larkhill Detention Centre, now a coroner.

Natasha Wightman as Valerie Page, a lesbian imprisoned for her sexuality.

Imogen Poots as Young Valerie Page

John Standing as Anthony Lilliman, a corrupt bishop at Westminster Abbey.

Eddie Marsan as Brian Etheridge, the head of the government's audio-surveillance division (the "Ear").

Clive Ashborn as Guy Fawkes, the historical figure involved in the failed Gunpowder Plot of 1605.

Guy Henry as Conrad Heyer, the head of the government's visual-surveillance division (the "Eye")

## Parents Guide

### Certification

Argentina:16 Australia:MA15+ Austria:16 Brazil:16 Canada:14A (British Columbia/Ontario) Canada:13+ (Quebec) Chile:TE+7 China:(Banned) (Banned) Colombia:12 Czechia:18 (TV Prima) Denmark:15 Ecuador:18 (self-applied) Egypt:R Finland:K-15 France:Tous publics avec avertissement Germany:16 (w) Greece:K-17 Hong Kong:IIB Hungary:16 Iceland:16 India:UA (TV) India:A (theatrical) Indonesia:D (self-applied) Ireland:15A Israel:PG Italy:T Japan:PG-12 Malaysia:18SG Mexico:B15 (authorization 11155-B15) Netherlands:16 New Zealand:R13 Norway:15 (cinema rating) Philippines:R-13 Poland:16 (self-applied) Portugal:M/16 Russia:16+ Singapore:R21 (Netflix) Singapore:NC-16 (theatrical release, edited version) Singapore:M18 (video rating, cut) South Africa:16 South Korea:15 Spain:12 (ICAA) Spain:16 (TV rating) Sweden:15 Switzerland:14 (canton of Geneva) Switzerland:14 (canton of Vaud) Taiwan:12+ Thailand:u 18+ (self-applied) Turkey:13+ (DVD rating) Turkey:15+ (original rating) United Kingdom:15 United States:R (certificate #42210) United Arab Emirates:18+ (self-applied)

**Sex & Nudity** - Mild **Violence & Gore** – Severe **Profanity** – Moderate **Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking** – Mild **Frightening & Intense Scenes** - Moderate

MPAA Rated R for strong violence and some language

